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- At 0700 hours on 25 September 1954, three naval vessels were seen on a northerly course about two nautical miles south of Orlov Point (N 67-13, E 41-18) in the White Sea Strait. The vessels sailed a line formation [redacted] All were similar except [redacted] had extra equipment on the mast. Each vessel had one gun behind a splinter shield on the foredeck, a bridge, a 20-millimeter gun on a platform on each side of the bridge, one stack, a break from the forecastle to the boat deck next to the stack, a mast with equipment, lifeboats, a break down to the afterdeck, and a gun behind a shield on the afterdeck (see sketch No. 1).

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- Vessel [redacted] had a milk-white cylindrical cupola with a slightly convex top and bottom on the top of the mast. From a small flat place just underneath the cupola, four arms bent out and up toward it. On the end of each arm there was a sphere, which was practically as high as the middle of the cupola. The arms stuck out in both the crosswise and lengthwise directions. Vessels [redacted] had a similar grayish cupola on the mast, but it was not provided with arms and spheres.

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- On 26 September, naval vessel [redacted] tied up alongside the dock at Solombala. At 1730 hours on 8 October, the same vessel passed by Sawmill No. 25 on the way out. It had one gun behind a splinter shield on the foredeck, a bridge, a two-armed mast on the bridge, and an object covered with a tarpaulin on a small rig about halfway up the mast. It also had one stack, two lifeboats on each side, a sturdy crane on a base aft of the boatdeck. From the base there were two arched supports, one to each side of the vessel. The crane arm leaned aft. It was slightly arched and had a four-sheaved iron block with cable wires. There was a crane on the stern-frame also (see sketch No. 2).

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4. Late in the evening of 5 October, naval vessel [] passed Sawmill No. 25 on its way in. [] a gun on the foredeck and smaller guns on the afterdeck (see sketch No. 4). 25X1
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5. At 0900 hours on 8 October, four naval vessels passed Sawmill No. 25 on the way out. At 1615 hours on the same day, the same vessels came back up the river to Sawmill No. 25. All were alike; [] had one gun in a turret on the foredeck, [] a door and a small hatchway on one side of the gun turret. The bridge superstructure was long and low with a mast; there was a wide stack with a black top, and one gun on each side aft of the stack. There were two guns behind shields on the afterdeck (see sketch No. 3). 25X1
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6. In the evening of 8 October, naval vessel [] passed Sawmill No. 25 on the way out. [] (see sketch No. 4). [] many naval vessels going up and down the river past Sawmill No. 25 during the night, [] 25X1
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7. In the vicinity of the Solombala docks there were four, possible six, boats visible under construction on shore. They were 18 to 20 feet long, and had brown painted iron hulls, deckhouses, raised sterns, and two cylindrical shields, one on each side under the stern. The propellers were not mounted (see sketch No. 5). 25X1
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- [] About two meters out from the quay, the depth was 30 to 31 feet. Close in to the quay, there was a bank which made it necessary for all ships to stand off a short distance from the quay (see sketch No. 6). 25X1
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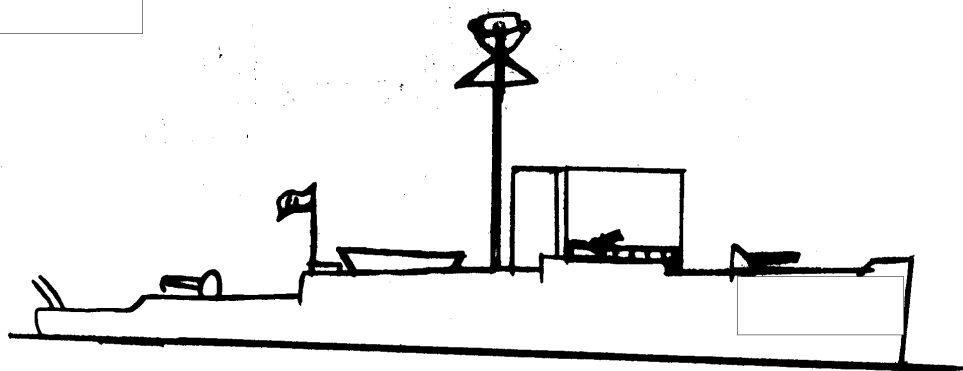
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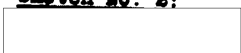


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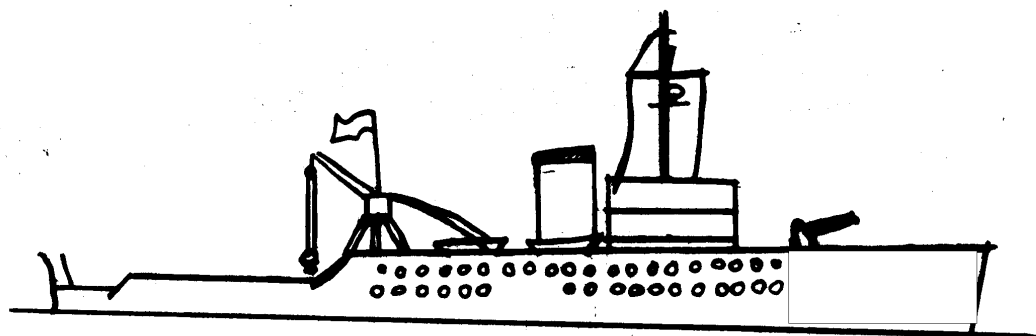


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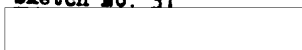


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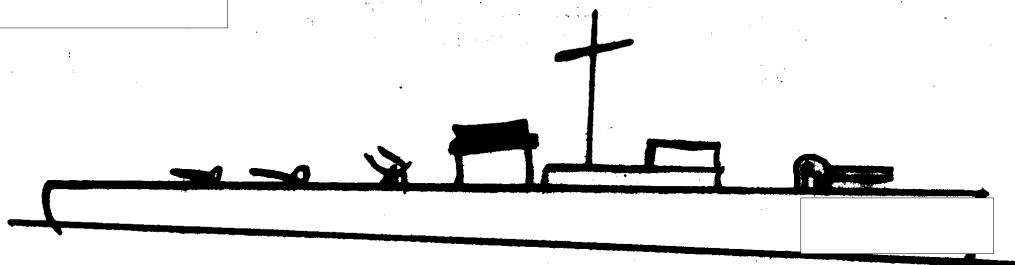


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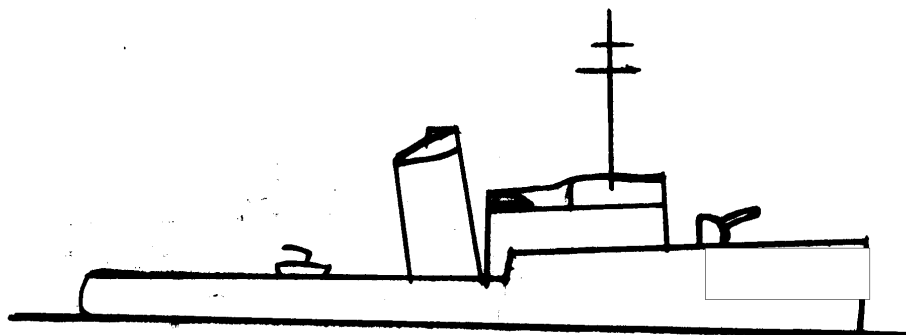
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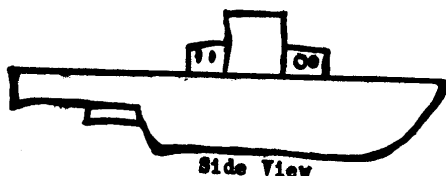
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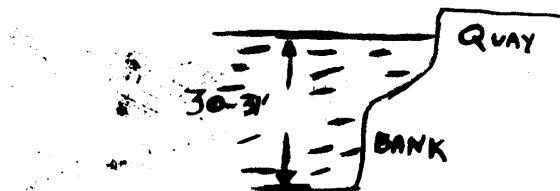


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Sketch No. 5:
Vessel Under Construction:



Sketch No. 6:
Bank at Sawmill No. 25:



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